

***ELECTRICAL REVIEW BOARD
City of West Allis, WI***

**MINUTES
ELECTRICAL REVIEW BOARD
SPECIAL MEETING**

Thursday, March 14, 2013
Room 128 – West Allis City Hall
7525 West Greenfield Avenue

Present: Alderman Thomas Lajsic, Chairman
Richard Sujecki
Lee Krajcik
Robert Yuzna
Scott Bergum
Ted Atkinson, Secretary

Others Present: Anthony Tadysak, Electrical Inspector
Terry Maier, Electrical Inspector
David Meleski, D'Masters Electric
Daren J. Setner, County Wide Electric

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in room 128.

1. A motion was made to approve the Minutes of the September 27, 2011, Special Meeting. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
2. Atkinson submitted a listing of license holders for the current license period of January 1, 2012 to present. He stated the list included 325 Electrical Contractors and 53 Communication Equipment Installers. A motion was made to place the listing on file. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
3. Terry Maier discussed the issues with D'Masters Electric regarding failure to call for inspections of issued electrical permits. David Meleski appeared on behalf of D'Masters Electric. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Meleski, a motion was made to give D'Masters Electric 60 days to call for inspections on his open permits. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
4. Tony Tadysak discussed the issues with County Wide Electric regarding failure to perform as a responsible electrical contractor, failure to supervise working staff and failure to complete permitted work, requiring property owner to secure another electrical contractor to complete the work. Daren Setner appeared on behalf of County Wide Electric. After a lengthy discussion with Mr. Setner, a motion was made to place County Wide on a no-permit status until his open permit is inspected and closed. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.
5. Atkinson discussed his memo dated March 14, 2013 regarding State of Wisconsin Statutes and State of Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services Codes and changes affecting local licensing of electrical contractors and electricians.

TO: Electrical Review Board
FROM: Ted Atkinson, Director BINS and Board Secretary
DATE: March 14, 2013
SUBJECT: Local Electrical Contractor Licensing Suspended by State Statutes

In 2008 the State Statutes were changed to have Electrical Contractors licensed by the State of Wisconsin and prohibit local Electrical Contractor Licensing, effective April 1, 2013. The change in 2008 incorporated many other issues regarding the electrical industry that will be discussed with the Board at a future meeting.

Regarding Electrical Contractor Licensing changes, a further change was recently passed on March 13, 2013. That change extended most rule changes out to April 1, 2014, but still imposed regulations on local jurisdiction to prohibit local licensing after March 31, 2013.

Basically, West Allis shall, after March 31, 2013, allow a State Credentialed Master Electrician with a State Electrical Contractors License to secure electrical permits without local licensing. If the contractors do not have State Credentials the City may continue to license until March 31, 2014.

To comply with State Law the following is being implemented:

1. Starting April 1, 2013, persons having a State of Wisconsin issued Residential Master Electrician Certification or Master Electrician Certification and a State Contractor License and not currently licensed by the City of West Allis may apply for a local electrical permit without local licensing.
2. Locally Licensed Electrical Contractor Licenses which were to expire April 1, 2013 will now expire April 1, 2014 without further local licensing.
3. A local Electrical Contractor License may be issued to companies not having the minimum state credential requirements. The fee after March 13, 2013 will be \$250.00 for licensing through March 31, 2014.
4. A revised electrical permit application will be introduced April 1, 2013, that will require listing of Wisconsin Credential numbers and a signature of the Master Electrician. (See the attached permit draft.) Note: All existing locally licensed Electrical Contractors already have these state minimum credentials. We will try to incorporate the revised permit to incorporate an application for Communication Equipment Installer work.
5. The City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Electrical Code, will be revised to allow State Licensing requirements to secure electrical permits. In 2014, the code reference to the local Electrical Contractor License will be removed for securing electrical permits.
6. Communication Equipment Installer and Shop Maintenance Electrical Licensing Code requirements will remain in effect without change.

The Board discussed the communication and further questioned the State rule changes. The Board noted the State Statutes over rides the local codes. Atkinson noted that the loss of revenue will be approximately \$40,000 over a 2 year license period that would have started in 2014/2015.

6. Atkinson stated that no code changes are required at this time to the City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Electrical Code regarding licensing of Electrical Contractors and Electricians.
7. The Board discussed proposed changes to City of West Allis Revised Municipal Code, Chapter 14, Electrical Code regarding electrical permits and issuance to State of Wisconsin licensed contractors and electricians. Atkinson stated staff will request another meeting in the near future to discuss changes.
8. The Board agreed to start future meetings at 6:00 p.m.

A motion was made to adjourn, seconded and approved unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ted Atkinson, Director of Department of Building Inspections and Neighborhood Services
Secretary to the Electrical Review Board

Cc: Electrical Contractor License File of:
– D'Masters Electric
– County Wide Electric

Approved by Electrical Review Board _____

Date